

Appl. No. 10/052,889  
Amdt. dated December 8, 2003  
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**REMARKS**

Claims 9-24 are pending. The Examiner divided the claims into three groups.

**Applicants elect Group III with claim 24.**

Claims 1-23 are cancelled. Claims 24-28 are pending.

New claims 25-28 find support as follows:

Claim 25, reciting different species, finds support on page 6, line 30.

Claim 26, reciting different species and no detectable nuclei, finds support on page 6, lines 22-25. Claims 27 and 28, reciting the use of detergents and enzymes to prepare the matrix, find support on page 27, lines 11-23.

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